

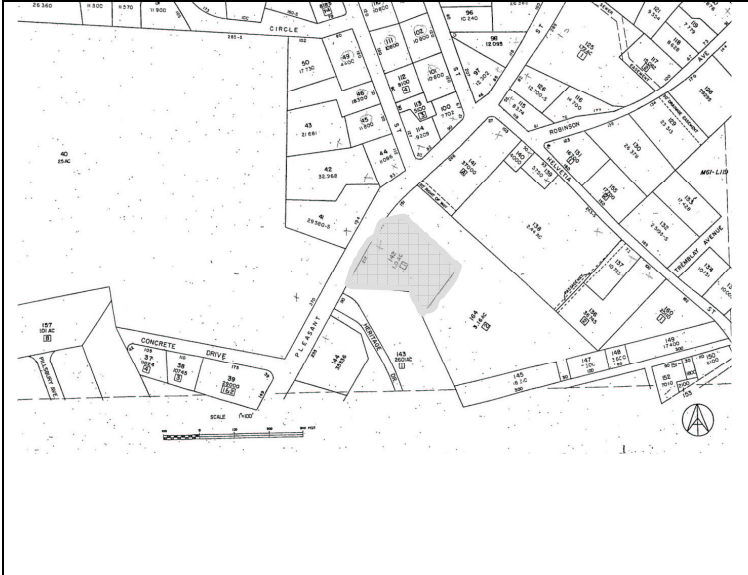
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
 Tewksbury Center

Address: 108 Pleasant Street

Historic Name: Joel & Annis Phelps House

Uses: Present: 3-Unit Residential

 Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1894

Source: Assessors Records

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Fieldstone

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Barn (c1894)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Fair

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 1 Acre

Setting: Located near the village center in an area that developed in the second half of the 20th century as a suburban residential area.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

108 PLEASANT STREET

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Queen Anne house at **108 Pleasant Street** is a one-and-a-half story dwelling on an irregular fieldstone foundation. The main front gable roof is intersected by a cross gable roof sheltering projecting full height bays on the north and south elevations. The gable roof forms are sheathed in asphalt shingles. A one story ell projects from the rear (east) of the house. The walls are clad in vinyl siding. Despite the application of vinyl siding and replacement sash windows the dwelling retains a number of character defining features including: the decorative verge boards in the gable ends, the brackets under the overhanging eaves, the wrap around porch, the projecting bay, and the single large pane surrounded by small panes in the paneled side-hall entrance door. The wrap around porch features turned porch supports and spindlework ornamentation in both the balustrade and frieze suspended from the porch ceiling. While the basic unit of fenestration for the building is 1/1 replacement sash windows, the projecting bay on the west façade has a pair of narrow 1/1 sash windows.

A former outbuilding associated with the dwelling at **108 Pleasant Street** has been converted to multi-family residential use. Located to the east of the house, the former barn consists of a one-and-a-half story rectangular form with a rear addition. The main form rests on a field stone foundation, while the rear addition rests on a concrete foundation. While the main form has a side gable roof, the addition and main roof are both sheathed in asphalt shingles. The walls are clad in vinyl siding. Fenestration is 1/1 vinyl sash windows. Two doors on the west façade provide the main entrance into the residences. Both doors are shielded by projecting gable hoods supported by timber brackets. A single wall dormer is centrally located on the west slope of the roof.

A small shed is located to the south of the former barn.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Assessor Records indicate the dwelling was built c1894. It is unclear from deed research who may have owned and occupied the dwelling in the 19th century. In 1907 Charles Goddard sold the dwelling on behalf of his son to Joel Phelps. Phelps, a farmer, and his wife Annis owned a dwelling and farm at 107 Pleasant Street TEW.XXX. The Phelps sold 107 Pleasant Street in 1905 and probably moved across the street to the house at 108 Pleasant Street.

In 1918 Annis Phelps sold the dwelling and land to Chester Roper. Roper was the son of Albert Roper, a florist in Tewksbury Center and brother of Mark Roper. Mark Roper operated a large greenhouse and market gardening business on the south side of Pleasant Street (144 Pleasant Street). Chester worked in his brother's greenhouses and served at the Road Commissioner for the Town of Tewksbury in the 1940s. In 1974 the heirs of Chester Roper sold the dwelling to Barbara and Gerald Roper. The Roper family developed Roper Estate Condominiums in 1985 and the condominiums at 100 Pleasant Street in 1990.

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List of Residents by Streets, Ages 17 years and over, In the Town of Tewksbury Mass. As prepared by the Board of Registrars (various years 1965-)
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